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## **NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UP 4 PERCENT**

LINCOLN, Neb., June 30, 2006 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2006, was 2.90 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was up 4 percent from June 1, 2005 but unchanged from March 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 365,000 head, was up 3 percent from June 1, 2005 and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.54 million head, was 4 percent above last year but slightly below last quarter.

The March-May 2006 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.65 million head, was 4 percent more than 2005 and 6 percent above 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 180,000 head, up 3 percent from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 180,000 sows during the June-August 2006 quarter, up 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2005 and 2004. Intended farrowings for September-November 2006, at 180,000 sows, are up 3 percent from last year and up 6 percent from two years ago.

## U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2006 was 60.9 million head. This was up slightly from June 1, 2005 and up 1 percent from March 1, 2006. Breeding inventory, at 6.06 million head, was up 1 percent from both last year and from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.9 million head, was up slightly from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2006 pig crop, at 26.3 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 3 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, up 1 percent from both 2005 and 2004.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the June-August 2006 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings in 2005, but up 1 percent from 2004. Intended farrowings for September-November 2006, at 2.92 million sows, are up 1 percent from both 2005 and 2004.

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